

United States District Court

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

DION LANIER

Case Number: 1:11-CR-97

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I - Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. §3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a (federal offense) (state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed) that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. §3156(a)(4).
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____
- ☐ a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. §3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the (date of conviction) (release of the defendant from imprisonment) for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternate Findings (A)

- ☒ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ☐ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____
- ☒ under 18 U.S.C. §924(c).
- ☒ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternate Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Defendants in this case were found by the grand jury to be members of a violent street gang known as The Block Burners, which used acts of violence, often involving firearms, to obtain drugs and drug proceeds (i.e., steal from other drug dealers and/or users). In the incident giving rise to this case in particular, defendants conspired to enter into a particular residence in Lansing to steal, or seize by force, marijuana from an occupant in the residence. In the process, a woman named Shayla Johnson was murdered. (continued on attachment)

Part II - Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by clear and convincing evidence that

no condition or combination of conditions will assure the safety of the community in light of the un rebutted presumption that defendant is a danger to the community and a flight risk. Even absent the presumption, defendant's involvement with a street gang organized for the very purpose of committing violent thefts from other outlaws and using firearms to accomplish their purpose (to the extent that a person has been killed), coupled with his reliance on drugs, (continued on attachment)

Part III - Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Dated: April 18, 2011

/s/ Hugh W. Brenneman, Jr.

Signature of Judicial Officer

Hugh W. Brenneman, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

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Alternate Findings (B) - (continued)

Defendant has smoked marijuana daily for the past five years. He also started using Ecstasy two to three years ago and last used it in July, prior to his arrest by the state, on a twice-a-month basis. Defendant also states that he drinks two beers a day. Defendant's criminal record is not entirely clear, but there appear to be two juvenile adjudications. Defendant is 19 years old and has no adult criminal history other than being arrested for these charges in July of 2010. He has been incarcerated since that time. Defendant has a two-year-old child from a prior relationship. The child does not reside with him. Defendant does not owe child support, although it is not clear what his obligation in this regard is. He has been unemployed for the past several years and has no assets. Thus, if he has a child support obligation, it is not apparent where the money is coming from, nor is it apparent where he is getting money to purchase drugs.

This is a death penalty case.

Part II - Written Statement of Reasons for Detention - (continued)

satisfies the government's burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence that there are no combination of conditions that will assure the safety of the community while the defendant is on the street.